

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3333

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NEW IRRIGATION SHCEMES

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes being implemented for irrigation in the country;

(b) whether the Government proposes to bring more land under irrigation and implement any special irrigation scheme for this purpose;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to take steps to optimize irrigation support out of existing facilities and adopt quick maturing irrigation schemes; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT H. PALA)

(a) The schemes being implemented by the Ministry of Water Resources for irrigation by surface water in the country are Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP), Command Area Development & Water Management Programme (CAD&WM) and Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR) of Water Bodies.

(b) & (c) Irrigation potential targeted during XI Plan is 16.00 lakh ha both by surface and ground water by the State Governments. No special irrigation scheme other than those mentioned above is proposed to be implemented by the Ministry of Water Resources. Financial outlay for AIBP, CAD&WM and RRR of Water Bodies for XI Plan is as under:

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Outlay in Rs. Crore in XI Plan
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1	AIBP	39850
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2	CAD&WM	1600
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3	RRR of water bodies	2750
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(d) & (e) In order to optimize irrigation from the existing facilities of irrigation, Extension, Renovation and Modernization (ERM) projects are provided the financial support under the AIBP. The optimization of the utilization is achieved through various measures implemented through CAD&WM programme of the Ministry. Surface water minor irrigation schemes which could be completed in a maximum of two years' time are also provided financial support under AIBP as per eligibility criteria prescribed in the AIBP guidelines.